



Tri-Village Local Schools
School of Excellence
Board News Release

The Tri-Village Board of Education met on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:00 in the board office. Mrs. Kimberly Chowning, Treasurer, stated she received the unofficial findings for the fiscal year 2013 audit. She was pleased to report there were no management comments or management letters to report to the board.

Mr. Shane Mead, Elementary Principal discussed the after school intervention program. To lower our student to teacher ratio 5th and 6th grade will be held on Monday and Wednesday and 3rd and 4th grade will be held on Tuesday and Thursday. This will allow more one on one intervention for our students. Third Grade Fall Reading OAA scores were sent home with students. Our ultimate goal is to get all students to pass with a 400 score.

The elementary building was pleased to have Mark Wade the ventriloquist here rendering his bullying prevention assembly. The students loved it, he was very good and had a great message.

Mr. Mead arranged for a representative from Study Island to come to the school for professional development.

Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts organized a successful spelling bee. Torie Richards a 3rd grade student won the elementary spelling bee while Matt Holzapfel a 5th grade student was the runner-up. Macy Schepis an 8th grade student won the junior high spelling bee, while Darren Callihan a 6th grade student was the runner-up. Torie and Macy will represent Tri-Village in the County Bee at Franklin Monroe on January 30th at 1:00 p.m.

The 2nd grade grandparent's day was again a huge hit. We received nothing but positive feedback. The K-3 Christmas program is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30 in the high school gymnasium.

Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal, invited the board members to participate in the Darke County Science Fair on January 19th. They are currently looking for judges, if you are interested in being a judge, please contact Angela McMurray.

On December 13th, Tri-Village recycled over 100 old computers. Mr. Chris Pearson and Mr. Noah Welbaum spearheaded the event. They will issue a check back to the district on items they recycled.

Semester exams start January 13 - 16 2014. The exam schedule went home to students and parents on December 17, 2013. Mr. Jeff Judy spearheaded a mentoring program for junior high students who are at risk. We are trying to prevent students not attaining credits once they enter high school. Mrs. Annette Black, Guidance Counselor discussed the program with the selected students and each student started a goal sheet and will begin the mentoring program.

Tri-Village inducted eight students into the National Honor Society. Thanks to Mrs. Natalie Malott for organizing the NHS induction ceremony and luncheon. Mr. Morris also thanked Mrs. Annette Black for helping in the selection process. The 2013 inductees were: Zach Bevins, Rylee Hollinger, Sarah Witmer, Olivia Mt.Castle, Raya Mikesell, Trent Laux, and Michaela Hoening.

Mr. Morris and Mr. Mead held an unannounced fire drill on December 3, 2013, he was happy to report that the entire building was evacuated in 2 minutes and 15 seconds. He received positive feedback from the staff about the drill from faculty members.

Mr. Morris proudly reported on his visit in November to Indiana University East. Tri-Village was awarded \$426,000 worth of scholarship money. Now the goal is to find students who qualify for these scholarships. A few qualifications are students GPA must be between 3.00-3.75, and an ACT Score of 23-29 ACT Score. Unfortunately last year all the scholarship money was not given.

Larry and Nancy Szilageje with the Education Foundation for Foreign Study awarded Tri-Village Schools a Global Education Excellence Award for the 2012-2013 school year; for dedication to the mission of breaking down barriers of language, culture and geography through international student exchange. They were also awarded a certificate of appreciation for sharing America by welcoming into your high school a young student from another

nation who participated in the EF Foundation for the Foreign Study program. Dan Sodervall and Larry & Nancy Szilajeje thanked TV for promoting international understanding and good will.

Mr. Morris thanked Mr. Gray, Athletic Director for his diligence in managing our athletic events and their makeup dates during the past inclement weather.

We are happy to report One Call Now will now have new changes. All one calls will go through the administration for approval and one calls will be combined to limit the number of calls that the students and parents receive.

Mr. Josh Sagester, Superintendent distributed the Hope Foundation newsletter. Mr. Sagester and Mr. Mead listened to a webinar regarding 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee information. They both feel confident the district is compliant regarding the 3rd Grade Guarantee mandate.

The Dayton Daily News ran an article regarding Ohio Department of Education's spending per pupil data for the 2012-2013 school year. The article strictly focused on Montgomery, Greene, Miami and Warren county schools. Mr. Sagester researched Darke County schools per pupil data. Per pupil data is as follows:

➤ **Tri-Village - \$8,936**

- Average of Districts in County - \$9,159
- Average of Similar Districts - \$9,481
- State Wide Average - \$10,625

Other County Averages

- ❖ Montgomery County - \$11,250
- ❖ Greene County - \$9,714
- ❖ Miami County - \$9,200
- ❖ Warren County - \$9,000

The Athletic Department is excited to embark on a project to upgrade the basketball scoreboards and add scoreboards to the baseball and softball fields. Advertising rates are as follows:

Five Year Span:

Option 1 (3 x 5 advertising panel)

- a. \$4,000 one time upfront payment, plus 2 complimentary home passes for five years
- b. \$4,500 over five-year period, paying \$900 per year, plus 2 complimentary home passes for five years

Option 2 (3 x 2.5 advertising panel)

- a. \$2,000 one time upfront payment, plus 2 complimentary home passes for five years
- b. \$2,500 over five-year period, paying \$500.00 per year, plus 2 complimentary home passes for five years.

If you would like more information, please contact Mr. Brad Gray, Athletic Director or Mr. Sagester.

Mr. Sagester gave a brief update on Senate Bill 229 Teacher Performance Evaluations and SB239 Student Expulsion. He will keep the board abreast of any changes as they come about.

We are happy to report Mrs. Jodi Fritz started on December 2nd, she will be a nice asset to the district. We would like to thank Mrs. Olivia Aikman for her service to the district.

Mr. Sagester publically thanked Mrs. Tracy Frech for her devotion to the school district. Mrs. Frech also thanked Mr. Sagester, Mrs. Chowning and the entire school board for her past four years working with them.

Other Board items of interest:

PERSONNEL

- A. Non-renew all (2013-2014) supplemental contracts at the end of their season, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- B. Issue a one year (2014-2015) limited supplemental contract to Brad Gray, Athletic Director, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- C. Approve an additional ½ hour to Wanda Roberts, Title I Coach Monday through Thursday, at a rate of \$9.60/hour, retro-active to November 18, 2013, for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- D. Approve an additional ½ hour to Matt Harman, Title I Coach Monday through Thursday, at a rate of \$9.60/hour, retro-active to November 18, 2013, for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

- E. Employ Robert Barhorst, Assistant Softball Coach, for the 2013-2014 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.) Accept the following donations as recommended by the Superintendent.
1. \$4,085.30 anonymous donation to the General Fund.
 2. \$200.00 from Darke County Vocal Teachers Association to the Chorus Fund.
 3. \$100.00 from Cheryl Stinson to the Chorus Fund.
 4. \$50.00 from National Energy Foundation (Vectren Live Smart) to the Elementary Principals Fund.
 5. \$400.00 from the New Madison Kiwanis Club to the Adopt-A-Family program.
 6. The New Madison Kiwanis Club \$1,600.00
 - i. Reading Counts \$500.00
 - ii. High School Band \$250.00
 - iii. Destination Imagination \$350.00
 - iv. Key Club \$500.00
- B.) Appoint Tim Bevins President Pro Tem for the annual organizational meeting on January 06, 2014, beginning at 6:30 p.m. to preside over the meeting until board officers for 2014 have been elected, as recommended by the Superintendent.
(Budget Meeting to begin at 6:45 p.m. and Regular Board Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.)
- C.) Approve the renewal of membership to the Ohio School Boards Association and subscription to the OSBA Briefcase for 2014, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- D.) Approve the advertisement rates for the athletic department for the purpose of upgrading the basketball scoreboards and add scoreboards to the baseball and softball fields: